Dodge County Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes 127 East Oak Street Juneau, WI 53039 February 27, 2017

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC), Planning, Development & Parks Committee and the UW-Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 8:30 o'clock A.M., in the Third-Floor Conference Room, Room 3A (302), Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

Note: All Action Items related only to the Land Conservation Committee. The Planning, Development & Parks Committee listened, gathered information within the body's realm of authority, but did not take any formal action.

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Larry Bischoff, William Foley, Allen Behl, Dale Macheel, Bill Muche and Dick Fink.

Other Dodge County Board Members and Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: John Bohonek, Conservation Engineering Technician, Ruth Johnson, and Bill Boettge.

- 2. Excused: Marc Bethke, County Conservationist
- 3. Allen moved to permit the Chair to deviate from agenda to efficiently conduct meeting which was seconded by Bill Foley. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of revised December 28, 2016 minutes: Motion by Bill Muche seconded by Dick Fink to approve the minutes of December 28, 2016 as sent by mail.
- 5. Public appearances/comment: None

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- 6. Agency Advisor Monthly Reports: None.
- 7. Review of bills and revenue: John Bohonek reviewed bills and revenue as

- shown on the attached listing. There a couple deer donations, small tree packet orders brought in \$5,700. Next year John will change the dates based upon storage.
- 8. Report from Nonpoint Runoff Work Group progress from workshops: Bill Boettge gave an additional follow up on the producer-led program on February 8-9, 2017. (Co-chairs Bill Boettge and Jim Zahn.) He said overall it went extremely well with the largest first farmer-led group with 260 producers at the day program. The evening program for lake properties was also excellent as they appreciated the difficulties agriculture faces. He also handed out a financial report including donations, sponsors and net income for future use. On March 15, there is a meeting of the farmer-led group to look at next steps for the farm-led group as a part of the Nonpoint Runoff Work Group. They will apply for a grant to help them form structure. Ruth Johnson was very pleased and cautiously optimistic at the producer turnout and gave credit to John Bohonek, Robert Bird, John Duckert and David Braunschweig for excellent work. With changes in weather she noted the combination of no till plus cover crop makes the land more resilient, with unpredictable droughts, and simultaneously helps protect farmland from heavy rains by providing drainage. An idea for lake groups may be to purchase interceder to plant cover crops while corn is still in the ground. To see a prior presentation of Ray Archeleta, anyone can just google and he has free videos to view.
- 9. Land & Water Resource Management Program: Monthly Report & Consider 2016 Cost Share Use Strategy. John will let people know they have \$29,000 for hard practices and \$10,000 for nutrient plans. They will follow guidelines ATCP 50 in awarding the money.
- 10. Consider 2017 SWRM Grant Application to DATCP: John is requesting staffing grant of \$163,293, \$60,000 for land and water cost sharing money \$10,000 for SEG funds for 2018. This year we received \$138,332.
- 11. Review Annual Report: John provided the 2016 Land Conservation
 Department Accomplishments report including activities, the farmland
 preservation program, the Land and Water Resource Management Program,
 Wildlife Crop Damage Abatement and Claims, as well as numerous
 education activities. A more detailed report will be sent to DATCAP
- 12. Approve Annual Dues for Southern Area Association: \$125 Allen moved and Bill seconded. Motion carried.

- 13. Consideration of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Annual Conference at Elkhardt Lake March 15-17, 2017: Lisa Derr and Dale Macheel.
- 14. Consider Department name change from "Land Conservation Department" to "Land and Water Conservation Department." Derr moved and Bill seconded to make the name change from "Land Conservation Department" to "Land and Water Conservation Department." Motion carried.
- 15. County Conservationist Monthly Report: There have been significant work activities and issues including but not limited to tree orders, performance evaluations, putting on healthy soils workshop, signing CRP and CREP plan revisions as well as Certificate of Compliance revisions as well as prepping for the 5-year review of the Land and Water Plan. John has been tracking department's work progress with individual land owners from the larger watershed into smaller Dodge County watersheds (HUC12) as required by the DNR. HUC 10 would be larger basin. HUC8 would be the Mississippi basin. He is also attending adaptive management seminar regarding increasing standards for municipalities that treat and release water. He will learn about "nutrient trading" between municipalities.

16. Committee Member Reports -

- a. Dale Macheel reported on Fox Lake regarding meeting on Feb 9. Ted Meekma (acting chair) called the meeting to order. The sent 230 updates and notification cards to lake owners as to district's plan for weeds during the summer. Reviewed draft and weed management study. He also attended special meeting of Lake Weed Management committee on Feb 23 including a number of scientists from the DNR to discuss the bidding process for lake weed management including cutting the weeds and also herbicide treatment.
- b. Bill Muche reported on Lake Sinnissippi District. Projects include educational projects for children in May. They will also start water quality testing. They will talk about rip rapping Anthony Island. The geotube project's permit has expired although it is not done. Now, the Parks Dept. there must be a whole new project. But the rules have changed including taking out exactly the amount of what they put in.
- c. Bill Folely reported that he attended the DNR workshop on February 7-8 on how to use best management practices for shallow

lakes. He also attended the farmer led nonpoint pollution group. They received \$25,000 grant total award from the state but total amount was \$48,000 from donations from other groups. This will pay for a portion of the UW Wisconsin work to take on 4 different areas that will be fully funded. Met with Beaver Dam Development Corporation which awarded \$15,000 for fish stocking and carp barriers.

- 17. Correspondence. John received a WPDS (Wis. Pollution Discharge Solution) notice to reissue permit to the Village of Clyman for water discharge from the sewage plant.
- 18. Per Diem Derr moved and Allen seconded to approve per diems. Motion carried.
- 19. Next Meeting Date. The committee agreed to continue with the fourth Monday of the month which is March 27, 2017 which will be held on the first floor (not the 3rd floor) of the administration meeting.
- 20. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before this committee, Bill moved to adjourn. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Bischoff, Chair

Lisa Derr, Secretary

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

BILLS

Deer donation -Pernat Haase Meats Deer donation -Detjens Norther Trails Inc. Jan-Feb expense-Robert Bird			\$1,155.00 \$220.00 \$68.64
Jan-Feb expense-Dave Braunschwi	'leg	TOTAL	\$17.39 \$1,461.03
Small Packet Tree Orders	<u>REVENUE</u>		\$5,700.00
		TOTAL	\$5,700.00